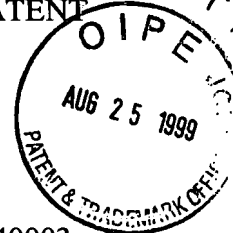


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the April 23, 1999 Office Action, Applicants respectfully offer the
following Amendments and Remarks.

In the Specification

a1 At page 11, line 5, after "... midfoot region of the sole" add -- and is substantially
perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the sole. --

a2 At page 12, line 13, after "... between 3° and 6°" insert the phrase -- measured
from a horizontal plane as shown in Fig. 3. --

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